

What is a TP3 Green School?



Macon Elementary student in Memphis performs Energy Patrol duties by setting monitors on energy-saver mode.

A TP3 Green School is a member of the Tennessee Pollution Prevention Partnership. It has been successful in pollution prevention through natural resource conservation, waste reduction, and environmentally preferable purchasing. It initiates green activities on the school campus and in the local community. A Green School can be public or private. Opportunities abound for K-12 schools, as well as for institutions of higher education and specialized learning.



Very young students at Granbery Elementary in Nashville learn wet-dry waste disposal in the cafeteria. Food scraps go in the Earth Can to become compost for school and community gardens.

Why be a TP3 Green School?

- Your school can proudly fly a green flag distinguishing your efforts as a TP3 Performer
- Your school can become a leader in environmental education and a mentor for other schools
- Your Success Stories can inspire schools across Tennessee to join together in the Partnership
- Your school can network with other TP3 members from government agencies, businesses, industries, and schools to receive possible financial and technical assistance

How do you become a TP3 Green School?

A single classroom or after-school club can join before the whole school. Like all participants in TP3, members will work upward through levels of commitment to pollution prevention. The whole school will be involved at the Performer level.

Prospect – Shows interest in pollution prevention by signing up for TP3

Pledge – Makes pledges to improve the environment through school activities

Partner – Develops a five-project plan and completes one project successfully

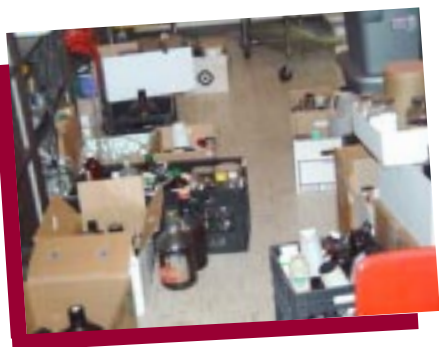
Performer – Completes all five projects, submits Success Stories, and involves the community in pollution prevention.



Centennial High in Franklin gave incentive rewards to 360 carpoolers on Earth Day 2004.

Success Stories!

TP3 is built on the environmental successes of our members. Photos in this brochure show examples of pollution prevention activities in Tennessee schools. Your Success Stories will help others with ideas for their own pollution prevention projects.



Campbell County High inventoried labs, disposed of old or unknown chemicals and degraded containers, and matched inventory with current curriculum.



Fairview Middle School students topped all Williamson County schools by recycling 9,388 phone books in 2003!

Need More Information?

The Tennessee Pollution Prevention Partnership is an initiative of the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation's Division of Community Assistance. A list of resources, sample environmental assessment, Internet site, and contact person are all available to provide assistance to TP3 members. Sign up as a Prospect via mail-in form, telephone, or on-line sign-up form.



Whitthorne 8th graders teach other students about mussels of the Duck River at the 2004 Youth Summit in Columbia.

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Andrew Johnson Elementary student "holds the whole world in his hands". The students of today will be the decision-makers of tomorrow.

**A partnership designed
to support and reward
environmental activities
in Tennessee schools**

